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To Whom It May Concern,

It is my pleasure to be writing to you on behalf of Lauren Gibbs. Over the past two and a half years I have had the privilege of being Ms. Gibbs' colleague and mentor. Throughout this time Ms. Gibbs has proven herself to be a gifted and dedicated educator, phenomenal artist, and a true master when it comes to forming positive relationships with students.

Ms. Gibbs has been an incredibly valuable member of our team. Her ability to rise to challenges, go the extra mile, and do it with a great attitude have gone a long way to help our department deliver engaging, process based art lessons to a population of students that may need art in their lives more than ever(Covid/post covid). Ms. Gibbs has helped create interesting and innovative curriculum, and has been a wonderful example in terms of classroom management and organization.

Ms. Gibbs's empathetic approach to art instruction meets the students where they are at and pushes them to take risks, reflect, and achieve results that they can be proud of. What I find to be one of the most admirable aspects of Ms. Gibbs teaching, is her ability to find and connect with the students who need it the most. All the little "outliers" that may otherwise slip through the cracks have a safe, happy place where they can achieve success in Ms.Gibbs art room. Her background in special education, innate kindness, and dedication to her craft makes her an invaluable resource to her students and department.

It is without reservation that I offer this letter of recommendation. I have no doubt that Lauren would be an excellent addition to any art department. Ms. Gibbs would surely be the art teacher that her students want and need. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,



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